

## **How Rodriguez is Linked to Suitcase Murder and Missing Teen**

Key pieces of evidence linked Rosendo Rodriguez to Baldwin's death and Joanna Rogers' disappearance. A bar code and a computer. How were Lubbock police and Lubbock sheriff deputies able to link Rodriguez to the disappearance of Rogers and the death of Baldwin?

In September, when Baldwin's body was found stuffed in a suitcase, investigators noticed a bar code on the suitcase. They traced it back to a debit purchase at the Wal-Mart on South Loop 289. Even more, they were able to track down the Wal-Mart surveillance video. Police believe they identified Rodriguez walking out with a brand new suitcase that was found at the landfill with Baldwin's body in it.

48 hours later, they arrested Rodriguez at his home in San Antonio. The former Marine was shipped to Lubbock to face his fate. While Rodriguez is charged with capital murder in that case, a new piece of information caught Sheriff's investigators off guard. Rodriguez may have also had contact with Rogers, the teen who had been missing for nearly two years at the time.

Computers confiscated from both Rodriguez and Rogers proved that the two had communicated. Chief Deputy Sheriff Paul Scarborough told us this in an interview last December. "There is a mention of him in some of her records and a mention of her in some of his. We've been able to make a connection with that information," said Scarborough.

We are still unclear about the type of relationship Rodriguez had with Baldwin and Rogers but we do now the autopsy report on Baldwin showed signs of sexual assault.

On Thursday, we were told investigators may start planning their search for Rogers at the same landfill where Baldwin's body was found nine months ago.